

## ***PTO News...***

### ***The PTO Officers are excited about this year at Cassens!***

The **FIRST PTO MEETING** is on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Media Center. We will be approving a budget and building plans for the year. Please join us! We welcome all parents, guardians and teachers to come to our meetings and events. We are pleased to have Chairs for all of our committees, but we welcome – and NEED - volunteers to help throughout the year as you are able to do so. We value your opinion and hope to see you at our meetings and events. Thank you to our Volunteer Coordinator Amy Powell.

**PTO COMMUNICATION** will be sent out via the school newsletters, the school website, flyers, email correspondence, and on the PTO bulletin board located in the Commons Area between the restrooms and the library. We will do all we can to communicate in a timely manner while respecting our commitment to the environment. We will use flyers when necessary, but hope to rely more on other means of communication.

**REGISTRATION** went very smoothly this summer thanks to our Chair Tammy Perry and ALL of the volunteers who helped throughout the day.

A **STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** was held on the first day of school to let all of the hard-working staff know how much we appreciate all they do and to let them know we support them. Thanks to Co-Chairs Joanne Spencer and Ann Marie Swalley – and all the volunteer parents for donating the delicious salads and desserts.

**SCHOOL PICTURES** are scheduled for Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30am. Order forms were sent home last weekend. Thank you to Chair Linda Lawhead for getting information to families and scheduling volunteers.

**YEARBOOK** information just arrived and will be sent home soon.

The **SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERS PROGRAM** is off to a great start!

- Our first **PAPA JOHN'S NIGHT** was held September 10<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars for the second Thursday of each month. Cassens receives 20% of your order – and you don't have to cook! Thanks to Chair Karen Johnson for setting up this program.
- The first **BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION** collection will be September 30<sup>th</sup> followed by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Last year this program raised over \$2,000 for our school. Thanks to Chair Diane VandenHeuvel, we look forward to another great year for Box Tops.
- Other programs – **SCHNUCK'S eSCRIP CARDS** and **TARGET RED CARDS**. Sign up at the store and designate Albert Cassens Elementary to receive benefits from purchases you already make.

The **PTO COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER** will be kicked off at the end of September, so please look for information to come home. Thanks to a fantastic response last year, the PTO made over \$16,000! The fundraiser helped the PTO fund many important projects and events throughout the year. Thank you to Chair Felicia Crabtree who has agreed to Chair the fundraiser again this year.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PTO – and PLEASE JOIN US!**

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